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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (U60W), a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in its Chico District by \$6,380,400 or 49.1% in July 2008, \$1,651,100 or 8.5% in July 2009, and by \$1,651,100 or 7.9% in July 2010; in its East Los Angeles District by \$7,193,200 or 36.5% in July 2008, \$2,034,800 or 7.6% in July 2009, and by \$2,034,800 or 7.0% in July 2010; in its Livermore District by \$3,960,900 or 31.2% in July 2008, \$942,200 or 5.6% in July 2009, and by \$942,200 or 5.4% in July 2010; in its Los Altos-Suburban District by \$5,172,500 or 30.5% in July 2008, \$1,189,100 or 5.4% in July 2009, and by \$1,189,100 or 5.1% in July 2010; in its Mid-Peninsula District by \$5,435,100 or 23.7% in July 2008, \$1,634,200 or 5.8% in July 2009, and by \$1,634,200 or 5.5% in July 2010; in its Salinas District by \$5,119,700 or 29.8% in July 2008, \$3,636,900 or 16.3% in July 2009, and by \$2,271,300 or 8.7% in July 2010; in its Stockton District by \$7,474,600 or 29.0% in July 2008, \$1,422,400 or 4.3% in July 2009, and by \$1,422,400 or 4.1% in July 2010; and in its Visalia District by \$3,651,907 or 28.4% in July 2008, \$3,546,440 or 21.3% in July 2009, and by \$3,620,482 or 17.6% in July 2010.

Application 07-07-001  
(Filed July 3, 2007)

**FOURTH RULING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE SEEKING  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE  
COMPANY'S 2007 GENERAL RATE CASE**

To California Water Service Company:

Within 30 days of issuance of this ruling, please file and serve responses (and, where requested, serve documents) in response to the questions in Appendix A about the testimony supporting your General Rate Case application. If you need clarification of any question in this ruling, please email the Administrative Law Judge and the service list in advance of the due date rather than trying to guess at what the question means.

Repeat the question before giving each response.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated November 2, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SARAH R. THOMAS

Sarah R. Thomas  
Administrative Law Judge

## APPENDIX A

### 1) Los Altos District

#### i) *Formal Application – Workpapers*

(a) Table 6-A. Explain the negative dollar figures under "Admin Chgs Trsf. A/C 8120" (appears in two places).

(b) WP6-A1a. Explain the item entitled "Moving Cost – Employee."

#### ii) *Project Justifications*

##### (a) Table of Contents

1. Page 4. In another response, you indicated you are replacing several types of vehicles based on California Air Resources Board (CARB) rules. Here, you refer to forklift retirement. Explain what other vehicles you are retiring and give more background on the CARB regulations at issue.

(b) Tab 1. The first page seems to have numbers crossed out. Provide the page with the correct dollar figures. Further, page 2 states that the anticipated completion date for the project (Summerhill 12" Main Replacement) is May 2007 but on page 3 state the job has been completed. State when the job was completed.

(c) Tab 5. If you have not already done so, furnish the Luhdorff & Scalamanini water supply and facility master plans (2003 and 2005). Further, is Project 00017216, included under this tab, part of project 16172, also included, or are they separate projects?

(d) Tab 13. Did you install the Priority 1 security measures? (This justification is only for Priority 2 measures.)

(e) Tab 14. There are no materials here. Was something omitted?

(f) Tab 15. Is an 8-year useful life for a VAC truck still valid? Has the Commission ever weighed in on the appropriate useful life for such a vehicle? Explain.

#### iii) *Results of Operation and Prepared Testimony*

(a) Page 18. Where is "Tab 16 of the General Report"? My copy does not have tabs.

(b) Page 28. Itemize the "non-specifics" for the 2008 Capital Budget.

- (c) Page 38. Is it correct that you are not seeking to recover an undercollected balance that is more than 3 years old? If not, explain.

## **2) Mid-Peninsula District**

### *i) Formal Application – Workpapers*

- (a) WP5-B4d. Is Bayshore part of the Mid-Peninsula District? If not, why is Bayshore "allocated to Mid-Peninsula district"? Is this allocation for less than 100%? Explain.

### *ii) Project Justifications*

- (a) Tab 4. Are there any records of leaks? (Compare this job with job 6, where 21 leaks are noted.)
- (b) Tab 10. Was this project funded previously? Detail indicates that Cal Water completed a design for it in 2004.
- (c) Tab 20. Did you install the Priority 1 security measures? (This justification is only for Priority 2 measures.)

### *iii) Results of Operation and Prepared Testimony*

- (a) Page 14. What does "do" stand for in Schedule D-2?
- (b) Page 16. Explain the aberration in the statement: "The change in customers in 2003 was an aberration related to Cal Water's customer information system conversion."
- (c) Page 26. Has the Commission approved the construction of the new Customer Service Center and Operations Center? Elaborate.
- (d) Page 29. Itemize the "non-specifics" for the 2008 Capital Budget.
- (e) Page 28. Itemize the "non-specifics" for the 2009 Capital Budget.
- (f) Page 33. I assume the water supply and facilities master plan referenced here is the same as that already produced, but please confirm this assumption, and produce the plan if I am incorrect.
- (g) Page 35. Explain the basis for your decision to cancel projects due to unexpected other high-priority projects, and refer to a Commission decision allowing this practice. If you have already provided such an explanation in response to another Ruling, cite that answer here.

**(END OF APPENDIX A)**

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Dated November 2, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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